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Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report discloses a receipt in the amount of \$378,968.57 from the Republican National Committee. However, these funds appear to have been disbursed by the 1999 State Victory Fund for which you have provided a memo Schedule A. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy.

-Schedule A supporting Line 12 discloses a transfer(s)-in from Republican National Committee. Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) reflects payments for exempt activities. Please be advised that a state or local party committee may pay for campaign materials (such as bumper stickers) that are distributed by volunteers in connection with activity on behalf of the party's nominees in a general election. Payments for this type of activity are exempt from the definition of a contribution or expenditure if certain conditions are met. The conditions are that no public advertising may be used, including distribution by direct mail (mailings by a commercial vendor or from commercial lists); all funds used for the activity must be permitted under the Act; none of the funds used may have been designated for a particular candidate; and finally, payments for the activity may not be made from transfers-in from the national committee to specifically fund the activity. For further guidance, please refer to 11 CFR §100.7(b)(15) and (17) and to the Campaign Guide for Party Committees.